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SUBJECT: NEW DANISH AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE

1. MFA'S CHIEF OF UN AND THIRD WORLD AFFAIRS, BENT
HAAKONSEN, HAS BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
HAAKONSEN HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN BONN AND AT THE DANISH
MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

2. HAAKONSEN WAS BORN JANUARY 10, 1936, AND WAS
EDUCATED AS A LAWYER. HE JOINED THE MFA IN 1961.
HAAKONSEN IS PLEASANT, COURTEOUS, AND SYMPATHETIC
TO THE US. HE LIKES TO BE THOROUGHLY PREPARED WHEN
ADDRESSING A SUBJECT, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE FOUND
HIM CIRCUMSPECT ALMOST TO A FAULT. HE IS ONE OF THE
FEW POLITICALLY ACTIVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE MINISTRY
AS HE IS PROMINENT IN THE RADICAL LIBERAL PARTY IN HIS COUNTY
AND HAS BEEN AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR
PARLIAMENT. HAAKONSEN IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD.

3. HAAKONSEN'S PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR G.S. MELLBINE,
IS RETURNING TO COPENHAGEN WHERE HE WILL ASSUME
CHARGE OF THE MFA'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT.
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